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SUBJ: TITLE II DISPATCHES TO MAURITANIA

1. AS PER EARLIER MESSAGE, MOST OF TITLE II SORGHUM FOR MAURITANIA NOW BEING DISPATCHED COMBINATION ROAD/RAIL TO ST LOUIS, THENCE BY BARGE UP-RIVER TO ROSSO. DISPATCHES CURRENTLY LIMITED TO 500 MT WEEKLY. THESE MAY BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED ONLY WITH THE ACTIVE AND SUSTAINED COOPERATION OF MIN HEALTH. PRINCIPAL DETERRENT AT PRESENT TO INCREASE IN CURRENT DISPATCH RATE IS LESS THE LACK OF AVAILABILITY OF BARGES THAN THE GLUT OF COMMODITIES WHICH CONTINUE TO PILE UP AT THE ROSSO LANDING, AND
WHICH ARE
NOT REMOVED EXPEDITIOUSLY ENOUGH BY RECEIVING ORGANIZATION TO PERMIT UNLODING/RETURN OF BARGES SOON AFTER THEY ARRIVE.

2. OF THE TEN THOUSAND MT SORGHUM CONSTITUTING THE FIRST TRANCHE OF THIRTY THOUSAND MT ALLOCATION, ALL BUT THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY MY HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED. THIS BALANCE IS FOR DELIVERY VIA RAIL TO ST LOUIS FOR SUBSEQUENT DISPATCH BY BARGE. (BETWEEN 26 APRIL AND 4 MAY, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY
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EIGHT MT DISPATCHED DAKAR ROSSO BY ROAD/FERRY).

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3. AGREE SITUATION SERIOUS, AND REGRET OVERTURES TO OBTAIN BACK-UP FOR FERRY TO DATE UNSUCCESSFUL. AS STATED BEFORE, NO SUCH CRAFT EXISTS DAKAR OR IS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL. POSSIBILITY OF OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR EVENTUAL RELEASE OF ONE LCM (SINGLE RAMP, ONE-TRUCK CAPACITY) FOR BACK-UP DUTIES STILL BEING CONSIDERED, THOUGH AS LAST RESORT. ONLY OTHER VESSEL WHICH MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST IS FRENCH EDIC TO BE RELEASED TO SENEGALESE NAVY IN JULY. THIS VESSEL IS HOWEVER ONE NINE THREE FEET LONG, AND WOULD HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY TRAVERSING SAND BAR AT RIVER MOUTH, TO SAY NOTHING OF MANEUVERING IN RIVER CROSSING ROSSO.

4. SENEGALESE MIN OF TRANSPORT, WHICH CONTACTED RE POSSIBLE DIVERSION OF ALTERNATE FERRY FROM THOSE OPERATING ELSEWHERE IN SENEGAL, WOULD NOT APPEAR TO HAVE MUCH OF A HANDLE ON SITUATION, ASKING US TO CONTACT TRAVAUX PUBLICS IN ST LOUIS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. FFPO ATTEMPTING TO FOLLOW UP, BUT LESS THAN SANGUINE ABOUT RESULT.

5. FFP MONITOR WILL UNDERTAKE SURVEY ROSSO SITUATION THURSDAY AND FRIDAY THIS WEEK, HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH ROSSO-TRANSIT AND SOMACAT, IN EFFORT TO EFFECT MORE EXPEDITIOUS CLEARANCE OF RIVER LANDING AS COMMODITIES ARRIVE BY BARGE. WHATEVER CAN BE DONE AT NOUAKCHOTT END BY AADO TO REINFORVE THESE MEASURES WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. IN OPINION OF FFPO, PROMPT CLEARANCE OF LANDING FOLLOWING DISCHARGE COMMODITIES LIKELY TO PROVIDE AT LEAST SHORT-TERM KEY TO SOLUTION PROBLEM.

6. FFPO WILLING TO PURSUE POSSIBILITY OF LOAN/ACQUISITION OF BAILEY OR OTHER PONTOON BRIDGE (NONE IN SENEGAL OF SUFFICIENT LENGTH) PROVIDED PRIOR CLEARANCE GIVEN BY GIRM FOR THIS INITIATIVE. PLEASE ADVISE.

7. AT ANY RATE, DISPATCH TO ROSSO REMAINDER OF FIRST TRANCHE OF 10,000 MT VIRTUALLY COMPLETE. YELLOWSTONE DUE ARRIVE DAKAR MAY 15 WITH SECOND TRANCHE OF 5,000 MT SORGHUM FOR MAURITANIA. FFPO STILL HOPEFUL THAT DELVERY TO ROSSO ENTIRE TRANCHE CAN BE EFFECTED BY END JUNE.
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